

APPROPRIATION FOR THE PATENT OFFICE.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION
FOR THE PATENT OFFICE.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration
of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the
Interior, of the 8th instant, submitting estimates of urgent deficiencies
in appropriations for the service of the Patent Office for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1902, as follows:

Photolithographing	\$45,000
Official Gazette	47,000
Printing, as provided in section 489 of the Revised Statutes	5,000
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	97,000

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from
the Commissioner of Patents, dated the 6th instant, in which he re-
quests that the following urgent deficiency appropriation be provided

for the service of the Patent Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, viz:

Photolithographing copies of drawings, etc.....	\$45,000
Official Gazette.....	47,000

He also submits, as a new item for the current year, for printing, as provided in section 489, Revised Statutes, \$5,000.

The recommendations as made by the Commissioner meet my approval, and the estimates are respectfully forwarded through your Department for the appropriate action of Congress.

Respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to state that the necessities of the Patent Office are estimated to require to be inserted in the deficiency appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1902, the following items:

For producing copies of drawings of the weekly issues of patents; for producing copies of designs, trade-marks, and pending applications, and for the reproduction of exhausted copies of drawings and specifications, said work referred to in this and the preceding paragraph to be done as provided by the "Act providing for the public printing and binding and for the distribution of public documents:" *Provided*, That the entire work may be done at the Government Printing Office if, in the judgment of the Joint Committee on Printing, or if there shall be no Joint Committee in the judgment of the Committee on Printing of either House, it shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the Government, \$45,000.

For producing the Official Gazette, including weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual indexes therefor, exclusive of expired patents, \$47,000.

The item for producing the Official Gazette includes the sum of \$2,000 to cover the expense of the publication of the classification of inventions, as a supplement to the Official Gazette, an item which did not occur in last year's expenses and which is necessary, since the last publication of the classification of the office was in 1897.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. I. ALLEN, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., January 7, 1902.

SIR: Intimation having been made that more details should be furnished to accompany the statement of the necessities for deficiency appropriations for the Patent Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, I have the honor to state that the item "For producing copies of drawings, &c. * * * forty-five thousand dollars," is based upon an estimate of deficiency over and above the \$64,000 appropriated for this purpose in the regular appropriation bill for the year 1901-2.

This is a trifle less than was estimated for last year, being \$39,336.32,

and the remainder of the forty-five thousand is to be used, as heretofore, for the purpose of reproducing copies of patents which are exhausted. The sum asked for is very far below that which would be required to reprint all of the exhausted copies, but it is sufficient to enable the office to comply with requests for copies to be used in litigation or where otherwise most imperatively needed.

The total figure, \$45,000, is the same as that asked for and embodied in the deficiency bill of last year.

The item of \$47,000 for producing the Official Gazette, etc., is based upon the report of the chief of the issue and gazette division, which indicates that, so far as can be judged from the expense incurred during the first six months of the current fiscal year, \$45,000 will just about cover the necessities of the Official Gazette, exclusive of the publication of a classification index, a publication which had been issued as a supplement to the Official Gazette and which did not appear in last year's expenses. This publication is very much needed at the present time, since it has not been printed heretofore since 1897, and the supply has long since been exhausted, and for the further reason that great changes in classification have been made during that period. The expense of this publication brings the total expense of the Official Gazette up to the sum of \$47,000, it is estimated.

The item for printing, under section 489, Revised Statutes, \$5,000, will enable this office to print copies of the claims of current issues and copies of such laws, decisions, regulations, and circulars as may be necessary for the information of the public. If this sum is allowed, it is proposed to publish the work of the classification division of this office as a monthly bulletin of classification and to eliminate this matter from the Official Gazette, which will be a saving at that point and will enable us to supply the demand for this material in every way better than by its inclusion in that publication.

I invite attention to the reports, herewith forwarded, made by the chief of the draftsman's division and the chief of the issue and gazette division, showing in detail the expenditures already made out of the appropriations.

In this connection I may call attention to the fact that the business of this office has increased at all points in the last year, and this has involved further expenses by reason of such growth.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. I. ALLEN, *Commissioner*.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
Washington D. C., January 7, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to state that the necessities of the Patent Office are estimated to require probably the sum of \$5,000 to be spent under the provisions of section 489 of the Revised Statutes, and in accordance with the suggestion of the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, that the methods employed in relation to the printing business of the Patent Office were very indirect, I beg leave to suggest that if the deficiency appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1902, should contain the following item: "For the Patent Office,

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five thousand dollars for printing under section 489, Revised Statutes," it would cure a great deal of this indirection and would be no added expenditure.

I accordingly suggest that such an item be inserted in the deficiency appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1902, in addition to the two items furnished by my communication of yesterday.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. I. ALLEN, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., December 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a statement relative to the deficiency appropriation for photolithographing required for the fiscal year 1901-2. The statement is based on the amount already expended under the several items of the contract, and on the assumption that the work for the balance of the fiscal year will be no less than it has been during so much of it as is past. As a matter of fact, the issues from January to July are usually larger than for the six months preceding. For this reason it is deemed advisable to ask for more than the figures indicate to provide for a reasonable increase in the amount of work.

The total amount appropriated for photolithographing for 1900-1901 was \$109,000. Sixty-four thousand dollars of this amount was the regular, and \$45,000 the deficiency, appropriation.

The amount required, the estimate being made on the terms above specified, will be \$103,336.32 for the present fiscal year.

Current issues;	
5 bills paid	\$20, 970. 32
Average per month, \$4,194.06.	
7 bills unpaid	\$29, 358. 42
Library edition:	
3 bills paid	4, 578. 00
Average per month, \$1,526.	
9 bills unpaid	13, 734. 00
Reproductions:	
For 5 months	12, 755. 00
Average per month, \$2,551.	
7 bills unpaid	17, 857. 00
Blue prints:	
5 bills paid	1, 701. 48
Average per month, \$340.30.	
7 bills unpaid	2, 382. 10
Total of work unpaid and estimated	63, 331. 52
Total of paid and with contractor	40, 004. 80
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	103, 336. 32

The available balance, as per above estimate, is \$23,995.20, leaving a deficiency of \$39,336.32. It does not appear unreasonable, therefore, to ask for a deficiency appropriation of \$45,000 in order that work may be done which is absolutely needed.

Very respectfully,

W. W. HITE,
Chief of Draftsman's Division.

Hon. F. I. ALLEN,
Commissioner of Patents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit below a statement of the expenses already incurred in the publication of the Official Gazette and indexes since the commencement of the present fiscal year, the probable expense for the entire fiscal year, and an estimate

of the appropriation necessary, in addition to the \$100,000 appropriated, to cover the apparent deficiency for the fiscal year 1901-2:

Photolithographing the illustrated pages:		
Expended July 1 to December 31 (6 months).....	\$33, 212. 50	
Estimated for the fiscal year (12 months).....		\$66, 425. 00
Printing letterpress, titles and claims, and weekly indexes:		
Expended July 1 to December 1 (5 months).....	25, 674. 55	
Estimated for fiscal year (12 months).....		61, 618. 92
Printing monthly indexes:		
Expended July 1 to September 30 (3 months).....	622. 47	
Estimated for the fiscal year (12 months).....		2, 489. 88
Printing quarterly indexes:		
Estimated (no bill rendered).....		7, 000. 00
1900-1901, \$6,505.63.		
Printing digests:		
Estimated (no bill rendered).....		800. 00
1900-1901, \$771. 20.		
Printing covers:		
Estimated (no bills rendered).....		500. 00
Printing annual index:		
Estimated (no bill rendered).....		3, 900. 00
1900, \$3,810.		
Total		142, 733. 80
Present appropriation.....		100, 000. 00
Deficiency		42, 733. 80
5 per cent.....		2, 136. 69
		44, 870. 49

The above may be considered a net estimate, based largely upon the actual expenditures of the first months of the year. I am apprehensive that the issues from now to the end of the fiscal year will increase to such an extent that about 5 per cent ought to be added to the above estimated deficiency.

Very respectfully,

J. W. BABSON,
Chief, Issue and Gazette Division.

Hon. F. I. ALLEN,
Commissioner of Patents.

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, by the United States Patent Office.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is required.
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PATENT OFFICE.		
<i>Photolithographing, Patent Office—</i>		
For producing copies of drawings of the weekly issues of patents; for producing copies of designs, trade-marks, and pending applications; and for the reproduction of exhausted copies of drawings and specifications; said work referred to in this and the preceding paragraph to be done as provided by the "Act providing for the public printing and binding and for the distribution of public documents;" <i>Provided</i> , That the entire work may be done at the Government Printing Office if, in the judgment of the Joint Committee on Printing, or if there shall be no Joint Committee, in the judgment of the Committee on Printing of either House, it shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the Government. (Act of Mar. 3, 1901, vol. 31, p. 999, sec. 1).....	\$45,000	\$64,000
<i>Official Gazette, Patent Office—</i>		
For producing the Official Gazette, including weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual indexes therefor, exclusive of expired patents. (Act of Mar. 3, 1901, vol. 31, p. 999, sec. 1).....	47,000	100,000
<i>Printing, Patent Office—</i>		
For printing under section 489, Revised Statutes (R. S., p. 81, sec. 889; submitted).....	5,000

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